

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 550TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF GURU NANAK

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 550th anniversary of the birth of Guru Nanak, founder of the Sikh religion. The 8th Congressional District of Illinois is home to many Sikh-Americans and Sikh faithful. I wish to acknowledge Guru Nanak's birth anniversary in the history of the Sikh religion and the important influence of Guru Nanak and Sikhism on other religions.

Born the child of Hindu merchants, Guru Nanak spent his childhood in the village of Talwandi, which is located in the modern-day province of Punjab in the modern nation of Pakistan. In keeping with the custom of the times, he married at an early age and was quickly blessed with two sons. He began his adult years working at a storehouse for tax collections, and exploring his spiritual side through meditation, writing hymns, and poetry.

Guru Nanak soon felt an irresistible calling to pursue spiritual enlightenment, however, after his thirtieth year embarked upon a series of pilgrimages in search of wisdom and religious truth. During this phase of his life, he composed a series of hymns that formed the basis of the Sikh religion and the foundation of the Adi Granth, the sacred text compiled in the early 17th century by the Fifth Sikh Guru Arjun.

As revealed by Guru Nanak and the Adi Granth, Sikhism teaches that there is only one God, that God is without form or gender, that we are all equal before God, and that a good life is lived as part of a community and expressed by good deeds (and not merely by faith or good thoughts). Sikh spirituality encompasses a belief in an unending succession of birth, life, death and rebirth until perfection is realized and one's soul is released from this cycle after achieving a complete understanding and acceptance of the nature of God.

Guru Nanak is recognized as the first of the ten gurus revered by Sikh faithful throughout the world. His truths continue to guide the Sikh community and form the bedrock of its commitment to public service and deeply ethical behavior.

Madam Speaker, on this 550th anniversary of his birth I want to recognize the founding contribution of Guru Nanak to Sikhism, one of the world's great religions, and also the many gurdwaras in the greater Chicagoland area and the Sikh faithful in the 8th Congressional District, for their service to their communities.

HONORING XANDER CARTER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Xander Carter. Xander is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1099, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Xander has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Xander has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Xander has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Xander helped perform habitat maintenance at Martha LaFite Thompson Nature Sanctuary in Liberty, Missouri, clearing over an acre of land of invasive honeysuckle and unhealthy trees and planting 25 new Missouri Dogwood trees.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Xander Carter for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO DEAN SEIF

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Corona in Riverside County, California are exceptional. On Thursday, February 6, 2020, Dean Seif will be honored as the 2019 Citizen of the Year by the Corona Chamber of Commerce.

The mission statement of the Corona Chamber is to promote business, advocacy, community and economic development while serving as a catalyst for improving the overall quality of life in our community and region. Dean exemplifies this mission statement in all that he does in business and beyond. Dean has served the Chamber through various roles, including as the Chairman of the Board in 2016, and remains a strong advocate for the Chamber and their principles.

Today, Dean continues to serve our community as a Board Member for the Corona Chamber and as the President of the Corona Chamber Foundation. He is also a Corona-Norco United Way Board Member, sits on the Governing Board of the Corona Regional Medical Center, and is a Member of the Corona Rotary Club. Dean is a local business owner, an active community member, and role model for many.

Considering all that Dean has done for the community of Riverside County and the city of Corona, it is only fitting to honor him as Citizen of the Year. Dean has contributed immensely to the betterment of our region and I am proud to call him a friend, a fellow community member, American and a constituent of the 42nd Congressional District of California. I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating Dean Seif on being named Citizen of the Year by the Corona Chamber of Commerce.

HONORING GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) on the 75th anniversary of its founding.

Greater Vallejo Recreation District was established in June of 1944 and has provided exceptional services to better the quality of life in our community ever since. This independent special service district offers recreational activities and leisure services to the people of Vallejo. GVRD is strongly committed to creating and managing age inclusive programs and facilities for the benefit and enjoyment of over 120,000 residents.

Greater Vallejo Recreation District manages mostly city-owned recreational properties and an additional 1000 acres of public land. These city properties include neighborhood parks, special purpose parks, an Olympic-size swimming pool and community centers. GVRD is responsible for organizing and overseeing services provided by Parks & Recreation. GVRD holds a variety of youth and family-friendly programs, such as Family Campouts, Breakfast with Santa, Concerts in the Park and Family Movie Nights. The GVRD staff works tirelessly to uphold the organization's mission to improve the livelihood of our community, and their outstanding service is evidenced by the gratitude of our community.

GVRD also offers educational programs to adults and youths. Students can attend an array of afterschool programs, including martial art classes, painting lessons, Spanish classes, online drivers education courses and many more. Furthermore, GVRD advocates passionately for a healthy lifestyle. The District organizes basketball and baseball trainings for children and teens along with cardio and weight lifting classes for adults. GVRD has maintained a tradition of creativity paired with excellent services that demonstrate ideals defined by the programs it provides.

Madam Speaker, the Greater Vallejo Recreation District has been instrumental in fulfilling the educational and amusement needs of our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the Greater Vallejo Recreation District on the 75th anniversary of its founding.

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RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF MRS. ANN KEYES

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of a great North Carolinian, public servant, loving wife and a friend to many; Ann Keyes. Mrs. Ann Keyes resides in Plymouth, North Carolina with her husband George Donnell Keyes.

Mrs. Keyes' passion and conviction have led her to serve in North Carolina's Washington County Government for more than 44 years. She currently serves as the Director of Planning and Safety in the Office of Washington County Emergency Management where she oversees the efforts of many local governments to implement comprehensive community plans that prioritize public safety.

Mrs. Keyes's strong commitment to public safety drove her to earn many professional certifications that include: Executive Level Certification in Emergency Management, State Certification for Floodplain Manager, Certification for Community Rating System Coordinator, and Certification for Chronic Diseases and Chronic Pain Self-Management Training Leader.

With the lifetime record of public service, Mrs. Keyes has been recognized for numerous achievements which include: 2003 Washington County Emergency Management Responder of the Year Award, North Carolina State Coordinator's Award for Floodplain Management, Colonel Phillip Nichols Waters Award, North Carolina Division of Emergency Management Regional Coordination Center's Award of Excellence, 97th North Carolina National Guard Civil Affairs Battalion's Outstanding Support Award, Washington County Employee of the Year, and North Carolina Community Emergency Response Team's Green Star Award.

In her nearly half a century of service to North Carolina, I applaud Mrs. Keyes for her years of dedication and commitment to emergency preparedness of our communities in North Carolina. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the people of the First District of North Carolina, I express appreciation to Mrs. Ann Keyes for 44 years of committed service to Washington County. I thank for her for her perseverance and willingness to go the extra mile to ensure public safety in North Carolina.

Mrs. Keyes has, without exception, earned the right to be honored. It is my hope that God will continue to bless and keep Mrs. Keyes and her family in the years to come.

HONORING TATE EIVINS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tate Eivins. Tate is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1099, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tate has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Tate has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Tate has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Tate built a large metal and wood picnic table for a historical site in Clay County, Missouri, and spent 144 hours planning, gathering materials, building, and teaching other scouts how to weld and build the table.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Tate Eivins for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDWARD ANTHONY VACCARO, SR., PH.D.

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of longtime Concord resident, Edward Anthony Vaccaro, Sr., Ph.D.

Edward Vaccaro was born in Paterson, New Jersey, where he grew up spending time with his family at the Jersey Shore and developing a passion for the arts. Edward attended Fordham University before marrying his wife, Jeanne and starting a family. Ed and Jeanne moved to Concord, California where they raised their children.

Ed became involved in the local business community as the owner of Vaccaro's Florist. Ed went back to school and got his doctorate in 1987. Ed had a passion for the City of Concord and loved being a member of the community. The positivity with which Ed lived his life left an impression on everyone he met.

Edward Vaccaro was a cherished member of Concord and he will be missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DEPUTY RICHARD WHITTEN

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Liberty County Sheriff's Deputy Richard Whitten, who succumbed to complications of a gunshot wound sustained on May 29, 2019, while responding to a crisis call in Cleveland, Texas.

On May 29, Deputy Whitten was off-duty and en route to a law enforcement training class, when "shots fired" was dispatched over the radio. Deputy Whitten did not hesitate to put himself in harm's way, he responded instantly, arriving just as the suspect was fleeing the scene after murdering two people at a Cleveland business. After a brief pursuit, Deputy Whitten was shot in the neck by the murder suspect—paralyzing him instantly. The perpetrator subsequently committed suicide.

Following this tragedy, Deputy Whitten remained hospitalized at TIRR Memorial Her-

man, a world-class rehabilitation hospital in the Houston Medical Center. On February 3, 2020, Deputy Whitten suffered a complication while undergoing physical therapy and tragically passed away.

In July 2019, Deputy Whitten, his wife, Kami, and I had a lengthy conversation about his passion for law enforcement as well as his recovery process. He personally told me that he would do it all over again to protect his community. He served with the Liberty County Sheriff's Office for four years and will be greatly missed.

Deputy Whitten selflessly paid the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of Liberty County. Madam Speaker, I would like to thank Deputy Richard Whitten, for his faithful service and devotion to his community. My prayers remain with his family and friends at this time.

CONGRATULATING MISSOURI'S 7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S FOOTBALL TEAMS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Webb City football team, who won their 15th State Title in Class 4 last year. "Go Cardinals". I would also like to commend the Carthage football team for winning the Class 5 State Championship and our Joplin High School football team who were runner's up in the Class 6 State Championship. They all performed admirably this season and demonstrated a determination and dedication to their team, school, supporters and communities.

Webb City football has a legacy of excellence and tradition that is evident in their record, which they only improved upon by claiming their fifteenth state title 48-0 against Platte County. The Cardinals, ranked 1st in their Class with a 13-1 record, had a hard road reaching the finals. They faced not only the 2nd best ranked team, but also the 3rd and 4th in the lead up to their championship win. Following their semifinal defeat in 2018 to the eventual champions, Webb City's program worked hard all season and succeeded in accomplishing their goal of "Chasing 15."

Carthage football's Class 5 Championship win was tough fought, including a nail-biting third quarter with an impressive long completion that secured their 27-21 win against second-ranked Jackson Indians. Their Coach, Jon Guidie, said the team "just . . . [wouldn't] die and they just won't quit." This win was the first state title for the 5th ranked Carthage team who finished their season 12-2. The Carthage team has fought back against the difficulties of their season, which is a credit to their determination and grit.

Joplin High School football team, ranked 3rd, lost to the 1st ranked De Smet in the Class 6 Championship game. The game was a hard-fought loss for Joplin High, with the Eagles unfortunately unable to hold a third quarter lead that would have secured a victory. The Eagles ended their season 13-1, having beaten Ft. Zumwalt West and Marquette in the semi-finals and quarterfinals respectively.

All of our great Missouri football teams have persevered through difficult seasons and have

become better players, better members of their communities, and better students in their journey to the State Title. I am honored to recognize their achievements, and I thank each team for making Missouri's 7th District proud.

HONORING CALEB JONES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Caleb Jones. Caleb is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1099, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Caleb has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Caleb has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Caleb has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Caleb set up a school supply drive and raised money to rebuild non-working bathrooms at a school in the country of Kosovo, while also installing playground equipment at the school when he visited in 2019.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Caleb Jones for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING GEORGE L. ORTIZ

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative JARED HUFFMAN, to remember George L. Ortiz for decades of exceptional public service to Northern California and to honor him for his commitment to our Latino community.

Mr. Ortiz was born in East Los Angeles in 1934 to migrant farmworker parents. From an early age, Mr. Ortiz followed in his parents' footsteps by working in the fields of Southern California. He then served in the U.S. Army in Germany in 1957 and 1958. After his time in the military, he received a track scholarship at Fresno State College, where he became the first member of his family to attend college.

Mr. Ortiz moved to Northern California in the 1960s and became a social worker, first for Sonoma County and then for California Rural Legal Assistance. For nearly 60 years, he was at the forefront of efforts to organize and bring equal opportunity and treatment to Mexican Americans living in the North Bay and beyond. In 1967, Mr. Ortiz co-founded California Human Development, a leading human services organization, and the Latinos Unidos scholarship program.

In 1999, The Press Democrat named George Ortiz as one of 50 people most responsible for shaping Sonoma County through

the 20th Century. In 2017, the North Bay Business Journal bestowed on him the Latino Business Leadership Award. In 2018, Sonoma State University awarded Mr. Ortiz the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters and that same year, the Mexican government presented him one of its highest honors, the Ohtli Award, for his efforts on behalf of Mexican nationals in the United States.

Mr. Ortiz leaves behind a loving and devoted family; his wife Carol and their children, Robert and Diane and two granddaughters.

Madam Speaker, we thank Mr. Ortiz for his unrelenting commitment to uplift Latinos in Northern California. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor his service and remember the life of George L. Ortiz here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the first vote due to a scheduled district meeting that went longer than expected.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 35 (H.R. 4044—Protect and Restore Americas Estuaries Act).

HONORING JOSHUA KNOWLES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joshua Knowles. Joshua is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1099, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joshua has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joshua has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Joshua has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Joshua collected materials and sewing hygiene kits for Days for Girls, which distributes the kits to young women in impoverished countries so they can stay in school when they get to the age of menstruation.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joshua Knowles for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BUSINESS COUNCIL

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Orange

County Business Council (OCBC) on the celebration of its 25th Anniversary.

The Orange County Business Council was established in 1995 to promote business development and strategic resource allocation to improve the lives of all Orange County residents. As the Orange County business community has emerged from the shadow of Los Angeles, OCBC has developed a distinct identity for our perfectly situated region to thrive. OCBC has placed a strategic focus on the future of the economy while working to preserve a high quality of life for residents and workers.

I ask all Members to join me in recognizing the extraordinary work and contributions of the Orange County Business Council and their efforts to enhance Orange County's economic development and prosperity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I regretfully missed votes on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. I had intended to vote "yes" on roll call vote 35, "yes" on vote 36, and "yes" on vote 37.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF SOPHIE YAZZIE

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Sophie Yazzie, Arizona's longest living veteran.

She passed away last weekend at the age of 105.

A member of the Navajo Nation, Sophie was born in Canyon De Chelly, Arizona.

At age 28, she enlisted in the Women's Army Air Corps, and served until she was honorably discharged.

Known for her kindness and compassion, Sophie lived a full life following her service to our country, working at Wingate Boarding School.

She is survived by her four children, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Arizona and the Navajo Nation have lost an incredible community member and role model to many.

Pat and I are keeping Sophie's family and friends, and the entire Navajo Nation community in our prayers as we mourn her passing,

HONORING CARTER MCKAY LESKI

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Carter McKay Leski. Carter is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in

the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1099, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Carter has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Carter has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Carter has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Carter teamed up with the American Legion Post 58 to lead the efforts of collecting, packaging, and ultimately shipping more than 300 pounds of toiletries, gifts, snacks, and letters to two different active duty military units in time for Independence Day.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Carter McKay Leski for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

REMEMBERING ACTOR KIRK
DOUGLAS

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the great actor, humanitarian and philanthropist Kirk Douglas, who passed away Wednesday at the age of 103. Americans of a certain age will remember Kirk Douglas in his roles as Spartacus, leader of a slave revolt in ancient Rome; the painter Vincent Van Gogh; the gunfighter Doc Holliday; and General George S. Patton. Others will recall that he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from Jimmy Carter and the Kennedy Center Honors award from President Bill Clinton. I will remember him for the personal note he sent to me in 2015 after I wished him well from the House floor on the occasion of his 99th birthday. I said that he would go down in Hollywood and American history for his courageous role in breaking the McCarthy era blacklist by putting the screenwriter Dalton Trumbo's name in the film credits for "Spartacus." In his note to me, he said: "Unfortunately, I have lived long enough to see that climate of fear and xenophobia reborn. I sincerely hope you and your fellow legislators will find a way to come together in these troubling times. It is essential that our leaders lead rather than follow the hateful messages of the new demagogues." He added that no one should take for granted "the privilege of living in America." Mr. Douglas' humanitarianism was displayed not only in his choice of roles but in the messages of the films he produced. He said he loved the theme of "Lonely Are the Brave" that, "if you try to be an individual, society will crush you." He said he chose to play characters who were "part scoundrel," because "I don't find virtue photogenic." His philanthropic activities through the Douglas Foundation, created in 1964, included building 400 playgrounds in Los Angeles; creating the Douglas Family Early Childhood Center at Sinai Temple in Los Angeles; substantial underwriting of programs at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles and establishing the Anne Douglas Center for Homeless Women, named for his wife. Mr. Douglas was born into poverty in Amster-

dam, New York, the son of illiterate Russian Jewish immigrants; his father was a ragman, a seller of discarded goods. His best-selling autobiography was *The Ragman's Son*, published in 1988. He knew anti-Semitism from an early age, but also knew he wanted to be an actor, changing his name from Isadore Demsky to Kirk Douglas and making his Broadway debut in 1941 as a singing Western Union messenger in "Spring Again." Known for his rugged good looks and dimpled chin, he received three Academy Award nominations. In 1996, the Academy honored his body of work with a Lifetime Achievement Oscar. America will long remember Kirk Douglas. His was a storied life.

HONORING PATRICK J. JOLLY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Patrick J. Jolly for his dedicated service to our community as Napa County Veteran Services Officer.

Mr. Jolly was born in San Francisco and served in the Navy for twenty years. Following his service, he went on to help fellow veterans as a Veteran Services Officer for Sonoma County, where he stayed for three years. Afterwards, Mr. Jolly became a Napa County Veterans Services Officer, ensuring all veterans, surviving spouses and family members receive access to all benefits to which they are entitled. In this function, he has helped over 5,000 veterans and their families receive millions in benefits, one-time claims, and college fee waivers. Mr. Jolly was also instrumental in bringing a VA healthcare presence to Napa County, and has advocated for veterans throughout his career. After thirteen years of honorable community service, Mr. Jolly is retiring.

Mr. Jolly has served as President of the California Association of County Veteran Services Officers (CACVSO) as well as CACVSO Parliamentarian. He is also a Certified Veterans Advocates, a member of the American Legion, part of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He has been married to his wife, Kate Jolly, since 1977. He is known for his unique hobbies such as playing the bagpipe and brewing his own beer. A kind, compassionate, and knowledgeable member of our community, Mr. Jolly has served our district and our country for decades.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Jolly is the kind of citizen we should all strive to be. He has dedicated his life to service and to his fellow veterans. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Patrick J. Jolly here today.

HONORING BENJAMIN AARON
PROBST

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Benjamin Aaron

Probst. Benny is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1099, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Benny has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Benny has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Benny has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Benny replaced the landscaping in front of the main building at Earnest Shepherd Youth Center in Liberty, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Benjamin Aaron Probst for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EARL
MEYER GOLDMAN

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of longtime Concord resident, Earl Meyer Goldman.

Earl Goldman was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and along with his mother and brother, eventually came to California. Earl graduated from Albany High School and then UC Berkeley with a degree in business. After marrying, Earl and his wife moved to Concord where they raised their family.

In his professional life, Earl's entrepreneurial spirit led him down many different paths. He started Earl Goldman Insurance from his house, which he grew into a successful local business. He also owned a laundromat and co-owned a radio station.

Earl's passion for his community has left a mark on the City of Concord. He envisioned a revitalization of Concord's downtown Todos Santos Plaza, and not only worked with public officials to improve Concord's infrastructure, but also dedicated himself to the long process of expansion and redevelopment. In addition to that work, Earl also supported various organizations, including the Concord Junior Optimist baseball league, Mount Diablo Hospital, and Friends of Camp Concord. Most of all, Earl will be remembered for his positive attitude and the love he had for his community.

Earl Goldman was a cherished member of Concord and he will be missed.

RECOGNIZING PCWA GENERAL
MANAGER EINAR MAISCH

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise along with my colleague, Representative DOUG LAMALFA, to recognize Einar Maisch for his 34 years of service at the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA).

Einar's career as a civil engineer in the greater Sacramento area began immediately after his graduation from California State University, Sacramento. After stints at two local engineering firms, Einar joined PCWA in 1985, and his rapid ascension since then highlights his profound impact in serving the needs of the community.

Water resiliency and infrastructure are among the most pressing needs in our region, and Einar has never shied away from tackling the most challenging projects that certainly could not have been completed without his hard work and devotion.

Beginning his tenure at PCWA as a Senior Civil Engineer, Einar went on to serve as the Agency's Director of Strategic Affairs for fifteen years. His responsibilities in engaging in external matters included his participation in the Sacramento Area Water Forum and managing several large-scale water infrastructure projects critical to the region. These include the Penryn/Lincoln pipeline project, the expansion of the Foothill Water Treatment Plant, and the Stanford Ranch project, just to name a few.

Einar provided strategic planning, management, and oversight for PCWA's Cross-Basin Pipeline Project, L.L. Anderson Dam spillway modification project, American River Pump Station project, and relicensing of the Middle Fork American River Project, where he negotiated a new power sale contract and the renewal of PCWA's water supply contracts. All of this work has greatly expanded the Agency's status in the California energy market.

This extensive list of accomplishment led to him being selected as PCWA's General Manager in 2015, a role he has thrived in over the past five years. As General Manager, he worked to ensure PCWA's long-term viability as the local leader in water rights and economic prosperity by overseeing a clear and transparent budget process, increasing customer accessibility to the Agency, and expanding its regional and national influence on water issues. Throughout this long tenure, Einar has always prioritized the needs and interests of the customers and community.

Einar is now retiring after nearly 35 years of service at the Agency, where he took tremendous pride in serving the people of Placer County. His work will leave a lasting impact on water planning, resiliency, and management in Northern California for decades to come, and Representative LAMALFA and I could not be more thankful for all Einar has done. He will now be able to spend much more time traveling, playing golf, and spending time with his wife Susan, his son, daughter, stepdaughter, and two grandsons. We wish him the best of luck in his much-deserved retirement.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MARK DAVIS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mark Davis in appreciation of his dedicated service to the people of Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District, specifically through his tireless work with Operation UNITE and the Eastern Kentucky PRIDE organization over the last two decades.

I count it a great honor to have had high-caliber individuals, like Mark, helping lead initiatives that I personally launched to meet dire needs across more than 40 counties in southern and eastern Kentucky. He's the type of individual who has sacrificed countless hours, executing a broad spectrum of tasks with his unique charisma, the utmost humility, a tireless reliability and sheer excellence.

Mark joined Eastern Kentucky PRIDE (Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment) in 2002 as a Field Representative. PRIDE is a grassroots non-profit organization that was launched to help clean-up the hill-sides, roadways, lakes and streams, across our beautiful Appalachian region in Kentucky. Thanks in-large-part to Mark's ambition, organizational skills, and drive, upwards of 30,000 volunteers have participated in litter clean-up campaigns every year to improve the environment. There has never been a task too great or too small for Mark. He was always the first to graciously give his time and energy for the greater good, whether it involved greeting volunteers at events and handing out trash bags, or working directly with state officials to clean up the largest illegal dumpsites in Eastern Kentucky, or educating students about the value of greenhouses and protecting our wetlands. While others discussed ways to improve our environment, Mark was outdoors getting the job done. PRIDE's work is where the rubber meets the road—and Mark could often be found pulling up his bootstraps to haul appliances from illegal dumpsites, transport volunteers to service sites, building outdoor classrooms, and finding every opportunity to make a difference every single day.

Mark's passion for PRIDE bled over to another powerful movement in our region, Operation UNITE, a holistic non-profit organization aimed at curbing the deadly opioid epidemic both in our region and nationwide. After faithfully volunteering for Camp UNITE, where he served as a mentor to at-risk middle school students, he joined the UNITE team in 2014 as the Youth Programs Coordinator, and later a Law Enforcement Liaison. In an effort to creatively raise drug-free awareness among our youth, Mark operated a state-of-the-art mobile education trailer and prevention program, called "On the Move," in partnership with the Kentucky Army National Guard and the Appalachian High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (AHIDTA). Since 2013, approximately 40,000 students from schools in 43 counties and four states have participated in the interactive program. He also played a valuable role each year at the National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit, coordinating logistics for the event that has grown into the largest conference in the country aimed at saving lives and addressing the nation's opioid crisis through a multipronged approach.

Mark is the teammate you want to have in the fox hole with you when things get tough, and the comic relief you need on a difficult day. His dedication, his inspirational attitude, and perseverance have set the bar high for programs operated by PRIDE and UNITE. I'm grateful for the personal efforts that he has invested in the lives of countless students and families across Southern and Eastern Kentucky, and I wish him the very best success in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING EMILY HERGENRIDER OF LAUREL

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Emily Hergenrider of Laurel for her resilience as she faces life's challenges and her leadership.

A senior at Laurel High School, Emily was born with 16 congenital heart defects and has had seven open-heart surgeries. They are a huge part of Emily's life, but she has not let them define her.

Emily faced one of her most challenging times in seventh grade. She had gone through her seventh open-heart surgery and was missing a lot of school. As a result, it was recommended she be held back for a year. Not wanting to do that, Emily refused to let the circumstances get the best of her, and instead used it as motivation.

Emily worked diligently to catch up in school, even as she recovered from surgery and attended numerous follow-up visits. Today, five years later, her hard work and drive have paid off. Emily is reaching her full potential and is expected to graduate in May.

In addition to her success in the classroom, Emily serves as president of the Laurel High School chapter of Future Farmers of America. She says she fell in love with agriculture because of her dad. She dreams of one day becoming a rancher and owning cattle. Emily says FFA, along with her other extracurricular activities, have motivated her to come to school even when she isn't feeling well.

Emily says she plans to continue her education and earn a degree in ag business or ag management. She even already has a few heads of her own cattle.

Madam Speaker, for her persistence and perseverance in the face of life's challenges and for her leadership and service, I recognize Emily Hergenrider of Laurel for her Spirit of Montana.

RECOGNIZING NACHA, ONE OF THE 2020 BEST PLACES TO WORK IN VIRGINIA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and my colleague, Rep. JENNIFER WEXTON (VA-11), I rise to recognize Nacha, and to congratulate them on their recent designation as one of the 2020 Best Places to Work in Virginia by the Virginia Business and Best Companies Group. Determined by a statewide survey competition, the annual list honors the best places of employment in Virginia. A testament to their commitment to success in this area, this is the second consecutive year Nacha has been named to the list.

Nacha's designation as one of the 2020 Best Places to Work in Virginia is a fitting acknowledgement of their many contributions to Virginia's economy, workforce, and business community. Headquartered in Herndon, Virginia, Nacha proudly employs 66 Virginians,

and three of their 43 Direct Members are based in the Commonwealth: Navy Federal Credit Union, Capital One, and ePayResources.

Nacha serves as trustee of the Automated Clearing House (ACH) Network, enabling payments such as direct deposit and direct payment via ACH. Today, Nacha's work is more important than ever, as more than 80 percent of U.S. workers now receive their regular pay using Direct Deposit via ACH, and consumers now pay 800 million bills each month with Direct Payment via ACH. 24.7 billion ACH payments, valued at a total of \$55.8 trillion, moved across the ACH Network in 2019 alone, the fifth straight year to see a gain of more than one billion payments.

Rep. WEXTON and I are thrilled to recognize Nacha's commitment to creating and fostering an award-winning work environment in Northern Virginia, and we commend them on their efforts to strengthen the ACH Network. We are proud to represent in Congress many employees of one of the 2020 Best Places to Work in Virginia.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join us in recognizing Nacha's successes, and in congratulating them on the well-deserved honor of being named one of the 2020 Best Places to Work in Virginia.

HONORING RUDY CAMPBELL

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Rudy Campbell, former mayor of Tempe, who passed away on February 3, 2020 at the age of 96. Arizonans will remember him as a dedicated man who committed his life to serving his country and making Tempe a better place to work and live. Deeply committed to his community, Mayor Campbell had a long and storied history of public service.

Born in Oklahoma to migrant farmworkers, Campbell learned the early value and dignity of hard work. He forged his own path and worked every day to provide his parents and sister with the support they needed to succeed in their own lives. After serving in World War II, Campbell came to Arizona and made Tempe his home. He settled down to work and raised his family in Tempe with his wife, Greta. They had two children, four grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren together over their 76-year marriage.

Campbell took on many leadership roles throughout his decades of public service in the Tempe community. He served as President of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Arizona Highway Commission, and a member of the Tempe City Council. A champion of public education, Campbell advocated for accessible and affordable higher education for all during his service on the Arizona Board of Regents. In 1966, Campbell made history by becoming the first Mayor elected by the people of Tempe. His tenure leading the city served as a model for future mayors and will continue to inspire generations of leaders in Tempe and across Arizona.

As Mayor, Campbell worked tirelessly to expand and transform Tempe's infrastructure.

Campbell modernized Tempe's roads, highways, and bridges, leading the way for industry and accelerating economic growth in the region. His contributions to the city were invaluable and laid the foundation for modern-day Tempe.

His service as mayor and in the community led to the City of Tempe naming a park in his honor. Today, Campbell Park is a beloved place in our local community and a testament to his lifetime achievement. His legacy will continue to live on for years to come.

I thank Mayor Campbell for his service and Godspeed.

REMARKS AT THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ BY SURVIVOR MARIAN TURSKI

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, on January 27, world leaders gathered at the site of Auschwitz, the notorious Nazi death camp, where 1.1 million innocent people—960,000 of them Jews—were systematically murdered during the Second World War. They joined survivors to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the camp's liberation by Allied forces on January 27, 1945. Among the survivors who spoke at that commemoration was Marian Turski, a Polish-Jewish journalist and historian who has been a global advocate for Holocaust remembrance and human rights—and who marched in 1965 with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from Selma to Montgomery.

His powerful words stirred the souls of those gathered on that solemn day. I have read them, and I want to share them with my colleagues so that they too will be moved. All Americans ought to read his account and his warning to future generations that we must heed the lessons of the Holocaust and the rise of the Nazi movement that brought it about. Therefore, I include in the RECORD his remarks.

REMARKS BY MARIAN TURSKI, AUSCHWITZ,
JANUARY 27, 2020

Dear friends, I am one of the few still alive of those who remained in this place almost to the very last moment before liberation. My so-called evacuation from Auschwitz commenced on the 18th of January. Over the next six and a half days it proved a death march for more than half of my fellow inmates, with whom I marched in a column of six hundred. In all likelihood, I will not make it to the next commemoration. Such are the laws of nature.

Please therefore forgive me the emotion in what I will now say. This is what I want to say above all to my daughter, my granddaughter, who I thank for being present here, to my grandson: it concerns those who are the peers of my daughter, of my grandchildren; a new generation, particularly the youngest, those who are younger even than them.

When the Second World War broke out, I was a teenager. My father was a soldier who had received a serious gunshot wound to the lung. It was a dramatic situation for our family. My mother came from the Polish-Lithuanian-Belarusian border, where armies had swept back and forth, plundering, looting, raping, burning villages so as to

leave nothing for those who came after them. You might say I knew first-hand from my father and mother what war is. Yet despite everything, although only 20 or 25 years had passed, it seemed as distant as the Polish uprisings of the 19th century; as distant as the French Revolution.

When I meet young people today, I realize that after 75 years they seem a little weary of this topic: war, the Holocaust, genocide. I understand them. That is why I promise you, young people, that I will not tell you about my suffering. I will not tell you about my experiences, my two death marches, how I ended the war weighing 32kg, exhausted, on the verge of death. I will not talk about the worst of it, that is, the tragedy of parting with loved ones after the selection, when you sensed what awaited them. No, I won't talk about these things. I would like to talk to you about my daughter's generation, and my grandchildren's generation.

I see that President of Austria Alexander Van der Bellen is among us. You will remember, Mr. President, when you hosted me and the leaders of the International Auschwitz Committee and we talked about those times. At one point you used the phrase: 'Auschwitz ist nicht vom Himmel gefallen.' Auschwitz did not descend from the sky. This is, to use a phrase of ours, an obvious obviousness.

Of course it didn't descend from the sky. Yet while this may seem a banal enough statement, it contains a profound and extremely important cognitive shortcut. Let us shift our imagination for a moment to Berlin in the early 1930s. We are almost in the city center, in a district called Bayerisches Viertel, the Bavarian Quarter. Three stops from Ku'damm; from the zoo. Where the Bayerischer Platz metro is today. And here, one day in the early 1930s, a sign appears on the benches: 'Jews may not sit here.' 'Okay,' you might think, 'this is unpleasant, it's unfair, it's not nice, but after all there are so many benches around here, you can sit somewhere else, it's fine.'

This was a district inhabited by German intelligentsia of Jewish origin. Albert Einstein, Nobel laureate Nelly Sachs, the industrialist, politician and Foreign Minister Walter Altenau lived there. One day a sign appears at the swimming pool. 'Jews are forbidden to enter this swimming pool.' 'Okay,' you might say, 'this is unpleasant, but Berlin has so many places to swim, so many lakes, canals—it's practically Venice—so you can go and swim somewhere else.'

Then another sign appears. 'Jews are not allowed to belong to German choral associations.' So what? They want to sing and make music? Let them gather together and sing by themselves. Then another sign. 'Jewish, non-Aryan children are not allowed to play with German, Aryan children.' So they can play by themselves. And another. 'We sell bread and other food products to Jews only after 5pm.' Okay, now this is a real hindrance because there's less choice, but in the end you can still shop after 5pm.

And here we start to get used to the idea that you can exclude someone. That you can stigmatize someone. That you can turn someone into an alien. Slowly, gradually, day by day, people begin to get used to it—victims, perpetrators, witnesses, those we call bystanders—all begin to get used to the idea that a minority that gave the world Einstein, Nelly Sachs, Heinrich Heine and the Mendelssohns is different, that these people can be pushed to the edges of society, that they are strangers, that they spread germs and start epidemics. These terrible, dangerous thoughts are the beginning of what happens next.

The regime of the time plays things cleverly, meeting the demands of workers. The first of May wasn't celebrated in Germany

before? Never mind, here you go. On leisure days, they introduce Kraft durch Freude—Strength Through Joy. Organized holidays for the workers. They vanquish unemployment and play on the strings of national dignity: ‘Germany, rise from the shame of Versailles. Restore your pride.’ At the same time, the regime sees that the people are gradually overwhelmed by the anesthesia of indifference. They stop reacting to evil. And so, the regime can afford to accelerate the process of evil.

From there, things accelerate. A ban on employing Jews. A ban on emigration. Then the evil spreads to the ghettos: to Riga; to Kaunas; to my ghetto, the *tódz* ghetto—Litzmannstadt. Most of those there are sent to Kulmhof—Chetmno—where they will be murdered in gas vans, and the rest are sent to Auschwitz, where they will be murdered with Zyklon B in modern gas chambers. And here we see the truth of what President Van der Bellen said: ‘Auschwitz didn’t suddenly descend from the sky.’ Auschwitz crept up, pattered with small steps, came closer and closer, until the things that happened here began.

My daughter, my granddaughter, peers of my daughter, peers of my granddaughter—perhaps you do not know the name of Primo Levi. Primo Levi was one of the most well-known prisoners of this camp. He once coined the phrase: ‘It happened, therefore it can happen, it can happen everywhere.’

I will share with you one personal memory. In 1965, I was in the United States of America on a scholarship during the fight for human rights, for civil rights, for rights for African Americans. I had the honor of taking part in the march from Selma to Montgomery with Martin Luther King. When my fellow marchers found that I had been in Auschwitz, they asked me ‘Do you think that such a thing could only happen in Germany? Or could it happen elsewhere?’ I told them: ‘It could happen to you. If civil rights are violated, if minority rights are not respected and are abolished. If the law is violated, as happened in Selma, then such things could happen.’ What to do? You must do what you can. If you can defend the constitution, defend your rights, defend your democratic order, defend the rights of minorities—then you can overcome this.

Most of us Europeans come from the Judeo-Christian tradition. Believers and non-believers alike accept the Ten Commandments as the canon of our civilization. A friend of mine, Roman Kent, the president of the International Auschwitz Committee, who spoke here five years ago during the previous commemoration, could not be here today. He coined the ‘Eleventh Commandment,’ which stems from the experience of the Shoah, the Holocaust, the terrible epoch of contempt. It runs thus: ‘Thou shalt not be indifferent.’

And this is what I want to tell my daughter, what I want to tell my grandchildren. My daughter’s peers, my grandchildren’s peers, wherever they might live, in Poland, Israel, America, Western Europe, Eastern Europe. This is very important. Thou shalt not be indifferent in the face of lies about history. Thou shalt not be indifferent when the past is distorted for today’s political needs. Thou shalt not be indifferent when any minority faces discrimination. Majority rule is the essence of democracy, but democracy also means that minority rights must be protected. Thou shalt not be indifferent when any authority violates the existing social contract. Be faithful to this commandment. To the Eleventh Commandment: thou shalt not be indifferent.

Because if you are indifferent, you will not even notice it when upon your own heads,

and upon the heads of your descendants, another Auschwitz descends from the sky.

HONORING THE UPVALLEY FAMILY CENTERS OF NAPA COUNTY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize The UpValley Family Centers of Napa County for 20 years of exceptional public service.

Since 1999, UpValley Family Centers has been the primary trusted resource for low-income and vulnerable households in Napa County. By partnering with different organizations in our community, it has built an impressive infrastructure of over 40 regional agencies that work together to provide access to a variety of services in our community. Such services include education and mentorship initiatives, immigration assistance, tax preparation, substance-use prevention programs, and case management services.

Since 2005, the Family Centers have participated in the Internal Revenue Service’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, making free tax-preparation assistance available for Napa residents. To date, their VITA program has brought more than \$5 million in state and federal refunds back to our community. The UpValley Family Centers also provides licensed staff able to give immigration assistance to non-citizen residents, including naturalization assistance and permanent residence renewals. UpValley Centers have become an irreplaceable resource to our community and today, it serves thousands of individuals across Napa’s region.

UpValley Family Center’s commitment to serving our community is truly remarkable. In addition to running programs that help working families build economic stability, UpValley Resource Centers provides life-saving disaster response and recovery services. These services include updating state fire resources like CalFire, helping people apply for disaster unemployment assistance, and bilingual information about disaster assistance available to all community members.

Madam Speaker, the UpValley Family Centers of Napa County is a dedicated source of support for northern Napa that has made great contributions to better our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor this organization here today.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF RICHARD WAYNE PARKS

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a great North Carolinian, public servant, role model and recipient of the Rocky Mount Area Chamber of Commerce 2019 Distinguished Citizen Award, Mr. Richard Wayne Parks.

Mr. Parks’ deep dedication to service and community protection led him to spend over 30 years in the law enforcement field in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. His experience includes extensive expertise through his work with the Rocky Mount Police Department, Nash County Sheriffs Office, Rocky Mount Police Department and the Supreme Court of North Carolina Marshals Offices.

Richard Parks experience also includes a wide range of training and education with institutions such as the Coastal Plains Law Enforcement Academy, Police Law Institute (PLI) and the FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association. He has also taken a Management Course for Law Enforcement Executives and was awarded the Intermediate Law Enforcement Certificate and the Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate.

Mr. Parks demonstrated strong leadership skills through his state-level law enforcement program participation which includes involvement between 2006 and 2010 with the NC FOP State Executive Board and the NC FOC State Legislative Committee and also his involvement with the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association, NC Peace Officers Memorial Day Steering Committee and the NC Police Executive’s Associations; all of which he serves as a current participant.

Rocky Mount, Nash County, Edgecombe County and the State of North Carolina have all benefited from Mr. Parks’ advancement as a law enforcement professional, and also from his selfless commitment to community service. He has a remarkable track-record of service participation through his current membership with the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police, North Carolina Peace Officers Memorial Day Ceremony Steering Committee, Jim Dickens First Responders Appreciation Day Committee, NC Governor’s Task Force on Safer Schools, North Carolina Police Executive’s Association, Nash County Farmers Market Advisory Board and the Westridge Swim Club Board of Directors. As referred to by many of his colleagues; “Ricky” also serves as a member of the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association. As the only law enforcement association that minority officers could join when it was formed in 1952, Ricky Parks’ enlisted in the Association to demonstrate that the inclusion of all people, regardless of race or gender and in all levels of law enforcement would lead to better and more productive law enforcement in all of the local communities across the State.

With a long and strong history of local and state professional law enforcement experience, Richard Wayne Parks has earned the deep respect of his law enforcement colleagues. He is greatly admired for his leadership and work as a law enforcement professional, his experience and expertise and his efforts to promote unity among law enforcement officers regardless of the branch of service. His efforts have surpassed law enforcement support through his work to serve the needs of domestic abuse victims, those in need of substance abuse treatment, care for the homeless and numerous other community education and family care needs.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the remarkable achievements of one of North Carolina’s own, Mr. Richard Wayne Parks and I congratulate him on being the recipient of the Rocky Mount Area Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen Award.

RECOGNIZING TED HILLMER

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ted Hillmer, Jr.'s 17 years of service as superintendent of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in Greene County, Missouri. The park commemorates the Battle of Wilson's Creek, first major American Civil War engagement west of the Mississippi River on August 10, 1861. Hillmer's first experience at the park was in 1988, whereas project engineer he oversaw the construction of a brand-new visitor center for the 2,100-acre national park, southeast of Republic, Missouri.

Hillmer later returned to the park in 2003, where he worked for 17 years as park superintendent. He leaves the historic battlefield knowing that a new, vastly-improved, and expanded visitors center, which he oversaw the design and planning, is scheduled for completion sometime in summer. The expanded visitor's center will include a wider array of artifacts from the battle and a far more expansive retelling of the almost 5-hour long battle that claimed 2500 lives.

Hillmer has overseen a great increase in visitors and interest to the park since he became superintendent. Last year saw 220,067 people visit the historic park, including 3 classes from the Fort Leonard Wood. Without Hillmer's oversight, or the staff and experts working to meticulously maintain the surviving documents and artifacts of the battle, these lessons would have been lost to history.

Madam Speaker, the passion and hard work shown by Ted Hillmer, Jr. should be an example to all of us. The legacy Ted Hillmer leaves behind will not be forgotten, both by the staff of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield as well as the surrounding communities who cherish the historic site. I hope we can all join together in remembering him for his service, not only to the community, but to the continued remembrance of the victims of our civil war.

THE TEMPORARY REAUTHORIZATION AND STUDY OF THE EMERGENCY SCHEDULING OF FENTANYL ANALOGUES ACT (S. 3201)

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to S. 3201, The Temporary Reauthorization and Study of the Emergency Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues Act.

Synthetic opioids such as fentanyl have caused tens of thousands of deaths in recent years and Congress has an obligation to continue to offer solutions to this ongoing public health crisis. Unfortunately, the measures taken in S. 3201 go too far in expanding mandatory minimum sentencing and would place further burdens on our already-strained criminal justice system.

S. 3201 extends the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) "class-wide" scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, causing more

individuals to be prosecuted seeking burdensome and ineffective mandatory minimum sentences. This expansion of DEA authority raises civil liberty concerns and has the potential of reversing meaningful criminal justice reform.

In 2018, I was proud to vote in favor of the First Step Act (P.L. 115-391), bipartisan reform that overwhelmingly passed Congress and was eventually signed into law. Among other things, this bill addressed the growing bipartisan consensus that mandatory minimums are unsustainably costly and counterproductive. Rather than building on this success, S. 3201 expands outdated mandatory minimum sentences even for those caught with trace amounts of illicit fentanyl-related substances. This issue is particularly burdensome because according to the U.S. Sentencing Commission, roughly 85 percent of individuals charged with trafficking fentanyl were unaware that that they were in fact in possession of the illegal substance.

All levels of government must continue to strive towards removing illicit fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances from our communities. However, any legislation that addresses this issue cannot simply overcorrect the problem and must instead form a sustainable drug enforcement strategy.

Madam Speaker, I urged my colleagues to vote against The Temporary Reauthorization and Study of the Emergency Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues Act.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HOWARD SKAVDAHL

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I honor the life of Howard Skavdahl, who recently passed away.

He was a native of Harrison, in Nebraska's Third District, and is laid to rest with the select men and women of our armed services buried in Arlington Cemetery.

He earned this honor through his valued service to our nation in World War II.

During World War II, Howard Skavdahl served our country in England, France, and Germany as a meteorologist in the Army Air Corps.

He continued in the Reserves until retiring in 1965 as a Major.

Major Skavdahl truly embodies our "greatest generation." He had a lifelong passion for aeronautics.

After completing his active duty military service, he completed his Masters Degree at the California Institute of Technology, and brought his aeronautical expertise to the private sector at the Rand Corporation and Boeing.

While at Boeing, he was chief technical engineer for two NASA airplanes, and worked on propulsion systems for the 747, 757, 767, and 777.

He retired in 1990 as the head of Boeing's Propulsion Research Department.

Besides his accomplishments, Mr. Skavdahl was known for his compassion for his family and friends.

Throughout his life, he touched countless others, and is survived by his three sons, ten grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

We are grateful for his service to our country.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANCES ANN LUTCHER THEATER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Frances Ann Luther Theater for Performing Arts on its 40th anniversary. The 1,500 seat, world-class, non-profit performing arts center was opened by the Nelda C. and H.J. Luther Stark Foundation on February 7, 1980, with a sold-out performance by the great pianist Liberace!

I am proud to say that this outstanding theater is located in the 36th Congressional District in the beautiful city of Orange, Texas. The Luther Theater is the largest Performing Arts Series from Houston to New Orleans, with annual attendance of approximately 30,000 adults and children. In its first 40 seasons, the theater has brought 1,026,285 patrons through their doors to experience a variety of events from Broadway to dance recitals, Willie Nelson to Blue Man Group, Riverdance to local reading and declamation contests.

A recipient of multiple grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Luther Theater most recently received a grant to produce a professional theater event for secondary students from Southeast Texas. This event will allow students to experience the performing arts world and potentially discover a life-long love of theater. Students can see the literature from their classrooms in action, for a full 'page to stage' experience, featuring professionally trained actors and actresses. The Luther Theater creates the opportunity to share the love of art and literature with the next generation.

This theater is only one of four theaters in Texas having received with the Kennedy Center Partners in Education designation. The Kennedy Center Partnership was established in 2003 to bring nationally accredited teaching artists to work with local educators, training them how to integrate the arts into their classroom curriculum.

Embracing their mission, Luther Theater is committed to providing professional entertainment for the enlightenment and cultural growth of residents living in Southeast Texas.

For 40 seasons, the Luther Theater has enriched the region with invaluable resources and opportunities for the study and enjoyment of the performing arts. I thank them for their continued support and dedication to both the city of Orange and Southeast Texas.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF EIZO KOBAYASHI

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of long-time

community member, Eizo Kobayashi as he celebrates his 88th birthday, a milestone of special esteem in the Japanese culture.

Eizo Kobayashi was born in Oakland, California in 1932. During World War II, Eizo's family was interned and moved to the Topaz Relocation Center in Utah. As a 10-year-old Japanese American, Eizo was faced with institutionalized racism, the experiences of which would stay with him throughout his life. His memories during the three years his family was interned include his father being hospitalized and subsequently moved to another location, while the rest of his family remained in Utah. Eizo would go out into the desert and collect shells, crystals, arrowheads and other artifacts he could find. Upon being released from the internment camp, the Kobayashi family moved back to California where Eizo graduated from Piedmont High School. He went on to study at the University of California, Berkeley where he received a Bachelor of Arts and a Community College Lifetime Teaching Credential. After graduation, Eizo served in the U.S. Army before turning his focus to law enforcement. In 1956, Eizo became a Deputy Probation Officer in the Adult Division of the Alameda County Probation Department. He later began working for the California Department of Corrections in 1962 and moved up the ranks until he retired as a Unit Supervisor and District Administrator in 1995.

While tirelessly pursuing professional success, Eizo always understood the importance of family and community. Eizo and his wife, Mary, wed in 1965 and moved to Concord, California where they raised two daughters, Keiko and Tamiko. Not only is Eizo a dedicated family man, but he is also passionate about his community. He has been the President of the Diablo Valley Chapter for the Japanese American Citizens League, the Vice President of the Unity Foundation in Concord, President of the Concord Senior Citizens Club, and a board member of the Concord Ambassadors. Additionally, in 1992 Eizo was appointed to the Police Facility Blue Ribbon Task Force. Eizo's connection to the local community is also exemplified by his contributions as a former columnist for the Contra Costa Times. Eizo continues his work to this day serving the homeless at the Concord Adult Homeless Shelter and is an appointed member of the Contra Costa County Merit Board, a seat which he has held for the last 30 years.

Eizo has always been a civic leader and has received the 1993 Humanitarian Award from the Unity Foundation, the 1994 Civil Rights Advocacy Award from the Concord Human Relations Commission, and the 1996 City of Concord Mayor's Award, among other awards.

Eizo's influence and strong moral character continue to foster a positive impact in the community. As a longtime friend and inspiration, please join me in congratulating Eizo on his 88th birthday and his life of service and leadership.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll

Call No. 35; YEA on Roll Call No. 36; and YEA on Roll Call No. 37.

HONORING NANCY DOBBS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with Representative JARED HUFFMAN to recognize Nancy Dobbs for years of exceptional public service to the people of Northern California and to honor her at the Northern California Public Media 35th Anniversary Celebration.

Nancy Dobbs was born in Los Angeles, California. She earned her bachelor's degree in Political Science from Sonoma State University. She has dedicated her career to helping shape the health, education and civic engagement of the North Bay. She has developed a variety of TV and radio programs to educate and encourage people to explore our community. She has always believed that media can act as a springboard for action to improve our region and our relationships with our neighbors.

Ms. Dobbs is the Founder, President and CEO of Northern California Public Media, which works to empower individuals to explore their world with informative television, radio and other media programs. For 38 years, Ms. Dobbs has worked tirelessly to serve the Bay Area with a reliable news outlet and accurate news coverage. In 1994, she launched KRCB FM Radio 91, which is celebrating its 25th year of broadcasting. Among her many accomplishments are board memberships with Roseland University Prep, North Bay Leadership Council and California Public Television as the chairwoman. In addition, she has played a crucial role in the creation of the TV series "Natural Heroes," which documents successful local efforts to be environmentally conscious. Her commitment to enriching the education of our youth through insightful media programs is truly unprecedented and deeply appreciated by our community.

Madam Speaker, Nancy Dobbs is a dedicated seeker of truth who has made great contributions to better our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF LEO GOLDNER

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of an extraordinary man, Leo Goldner. Leo lived a full life, brought joy to so many, and served as a valued member of the Toledo community. Today his family and friends gather to eulogize him, and I would like to read his obituary into the RECORD on this day:

"Leo Goldner was born in Toledo Hospital on July 3rd, 1923, son of Herman and Margret Fleichocher Goldner and brother to his beloved sister. For many years the Goldner's

lived above their family dry goods store called the Chicago Bargain House.

"He lived in a Hungarian immigrant neighborhood in East Toledo and learned to speak fluent Hungarian. He was an avid Stamp collector and a Yo Yo champion.

"Leo was the only Jewish boy in his elementary and high school and learned to defend himself against neighborhood bullies by learning Judo and quickly worked his way up to Black Belt 5th degree status. He had release parochial time in elementary school, but instead of taking two buses to go to his synagogue, he agreed at the request of the Monsignor of St. Stephen's Church to become an altar boy at St. Stephens Church, an interesting choice for a Jewish boy.

"There are pictures of Leo hanging in Waite High School and in St. Stephen's Church where he donated the bronze statue of St. Stephen, which still stands there out front today on Genesee Street. He graduated from Waite High School as a member of the National Honors Society.

"Leo attended the University of Toledo to study pre-law, was on the wrestling and tennis team, and joined the Lamda Chi fraternity. Upon the invasion of Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. There, as a lowly private, he was eventually sent to officer's candidate school to become a Lieutenant.

"In the Army, he served under General George C. Marshall as chief of staff and helped liberate the Philippines under General Douglas MacArthur where he was injured in hand to hand combat. He had no less than 12 medals and five decorations, including the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

"He served as director of USO Camp Shows in the Western Pacific after being wounded in battle. He was an expert Magician and Hypnotist.

"During the time he was an infantry officer, he used two three day passes to marry the love of his life Marian Rachel Baron, to whom he was married for 76 years.

"After being discharged from the Army, he worked at the family dry goods store, but really wanted to have a store of his own. He accepted a job offer from his brother-in-law, Jerry Baron at Baron Steel Company. There he flourished as a salesman, making an unheard-of million dollars for the firm his very first year. Later, he and his brother-in-law Sidney Baron, started Tyler Steel, in 1953. Two years later, Leo started Parker Steel Company, which today is the number one distributor of metric metals in the nation.

Leo and Marian began their married life in a house on Vermont Street in Toledo. In 1955 they built a home in Ottawa Hills. He included in the home a Theater room where he could perform magic tricks.

He was past president of the Association of Steel distributors and a founding member of Magician Ring 68, Toledo, Ohio. He was the longest living member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians (where he was awarded the Order of Merlin), which he joined on his 16th birthday.

Leo and his wife Marian were founding members of the Toledo Chapter of Hillel at the University of Toledo. He did hundreds of Hypnosis demonstrations benefiting Waite High School and raised over \$200,000 for scholarships.

For well over 34 years, he was the State of Israel Bond Chairman for NW Ohio and traveled to Israel over 20 times. He was on the National Board of Myasthenia Gravis Foundation, the Darlington House, (home for the aged) the Elks Club, the Kiwanis, a 32nd degree Mason, the Damaseus Lodge, as well as a member of Temple B'nai Israel, Temple Shomer Emunim, Congregation Etz Chayim, and the American Israel Policy Conference.

"Leo was also a member of the American Society of Clinical Hypnotists, the National

Guild of Hypnotists Gold Baton Group at Toledo Symphony Orchestra, the President's Council of the Toledo Museum of Art, and the Ohio Governor's Club.

"He is listed in Who's Who in America and is a member of the Jewish Community Center, where he taught Judo for many years. He was an avid boater and fisherman.

"Leo was President of Parker Steel Company, a board member of Temple Shomer Emunim, Couples Club Co-chair, and Chairman of the board of the Footlighters' Club of South Florida which raises money for indigent entertainers and musicians. He and Marian had many joyous years at the family

cottage, the Squeezum Inn, on Kelleys Island.

"Leo and Marian spent many winters in their home in the Florida Keys, before moving to Aventura, FL for the last 16 years.

"When asked if he had any regrets, Leo said:

'Not really, I really don't have any regrets. I've lived my life enjoying every minute. I've tried to enjoy every minute. I don't know when it's going to end, but I don't want anyone to feel sorry for me when I'm gone. I've enjoyed every minute and accomplished everything I ever wanted to do. As far as I'm concerned, they can dance and celebrate a life well lived at my funeral.'

"Leo is survived by his wife Marian; his four children, Paul (Linda Bender, Sandra Soifer), Harriet (aka Camryn Lee), Marcia Alter and Janet Killam (Michael); his grandchildren, Andrea DeMar (David), Mark Goldner, Sharon Tipping (Michael), Olivia Potash (Daniel), and Jordan Killam; and his great-grandchildren, Lauren, Noah and Rebecca DeMar, Talia, Emma, and Abigail Tipping and Omri Potash."

Leo Goldner was a fine man and will be remembered admirably by all those who knew him. We offer his family and friends our prayers and hope that they find comfort in the wonderful memories of what Leo meant to each of the people who shared in his life.